

Hailing 'Victory,' Demonstrators 'Dream of Joe Pool' in New Song

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Susie Labovitz, introduced as "the favorite songstress of the New Left," strummed her zither and crooned, "I dreamed I saw Joe Pool last night . . ."

There were chuckles from some of the 100 or so antiwar demonstrators stretched out on the grass under a big shade tree on the Washington Monument grounds.

They had come to claim "victory" over the House Un-American Activities subcommittee, headed by Rep. Joe Pool (D-Tex.), which held four uproarious days of hearings last week on the Vietnam War protest movement.

Steve Wiseman, a bearded representative of the Students for a Democratic Society, succeeded Susie at the microphone.

"I think it was easier to bring off a major victory than a major victory rally," he remarked, noting the sparse attendance.

"Without question," he went on, more confidently, "we have strengthened the cause of civil liberties in this country by what has been done in the past few days."

"We have shown that the only kind of justice you can get from HUAC is vigilante justice. You can't approach it as if it were a sane, rational body. The way to face HUAC is to disrupt."

William Higgs, an organizer of the rally, claimed "HUAC has finally met its match—people who don't take the Fifth Amendment don't apologize but say what they think."

Mrs. Daniel Berman, a member of the Women's Strike for Peace, said HUAC "has hastened its demise by relegating itself to its proper contemptible place."

Don Slaughter, another rally organizer, said that "HUAC the movement . . . but we are has tried to weaken, to split still demanding that the troops

be brought home."

George Ewart, an admitted Communist who testified before Pool's group, charged: "The government is using these hearings as a political instrument to prove the unpatriotness, or whatever the word is, of the American peace movement."

Then about 50 members of the audience picked up signs ("Hands Off the Antiwar Movement," "Bring the Troops Home Now") and walked up the Mall to the Capitol.

There, Capitol Police Chief James M. Powell, with 150 of

his men strung out behind him, told them to halt.

Higgs turned to his group and said: "It is apparent we can go no further. We end our demonstration where the responsibility lies, at the base of the building representing the seat of government of the United States." The marchers stacked their signs and went home.